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No fee is believed to be required. However, if any fee is required, please use Deposit Account No. **11-0600**. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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SIR:

In response to a March 30, 2006 Office Action in the above-identified application, please amend, without prejudice, the above-captioned application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.